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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS:MASS  
SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

REF A. STATE 115408, B. STATE 115409, C. STATE 115244

1. YESTERDAY EVEING I HANDED DIRECTOR GENERAL DE BASSOMPIERRE  
THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE NEW US ARMS SALES POLICY  
AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO THE KEY POINTS OF THIS POLICY.

2. DE BASSOMPIERRE SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WOULD BE  
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STUDIED CAREFULLY AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH IF HE HAD  
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

3. DE BASSOMPIERRE MADE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS:

A. HE WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH THE NEW US POLICY OBJECTIVES. HE  
THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF THE

EXPORT OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF ALL THE COUNTRIES PRODUCING AND EXPORTING ARMS WOULD COOPERATE FULLY.

B. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES USED THE PROVISION OF ARMS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY. HE WONDERED WHETHER THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO CONTROL ARMS SALES.

C. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE BELGIAN ARMS PRODUCERS TO DIVERSIFY TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN NOW INTO NON-ARMS PRODUCTION. BUT THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT IN THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND, IN ANY CASE, COULD TAKE MANY YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH.

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